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1. DANISH DCM CHRISTENSEN, ACCOMPANIED BY FIRST SECRETARY C.B. BRAMSEN, CALLED ON EUR/NE OFFICE DIRECTOR MARCH 21 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF DANISH REQUEST (REFTEL) FOR US SUPPORT WITHIN ICNAF FOR AN INCREASE IN GREENLAND (INSHORE) SALMON QUOTA. DANES HAVE VENTILATED SUBJECT WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND CHRISTENSEN'S APPROACH DIFFERED IN ONLY TWO RESPECTS. FIRST HE STRESSED SOCIAL PROBLEMS GREENLAND ESKIMOS WOULD FACE SHOULD THEY BE DENIED OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADDITIONAL SALMON AT TIME WHEN COD STOCKS ARE DOWN AND GREENLANDERS' SHEEP ARE NOT FARING WELL. THESE WERE POOR PEOPLE, HE SAID, FACING HARSH ENVIRONMENT AND IT

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WAS DIFFICULT FOR DANISH GOVERNMENT TO EXPLAIN, LET ALONE

ENFORCE, QUOTAS WHEN SALMON WERE PLENTIFUL. SECOND, IN POINTING OUT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURES GREENLANDERS WOULD BRING TO BEAR ON COPENHAGEN, CHRISTENSEN SAID MATTER SHOULD BE REGARDED NOT MERELY AS TECHNICAL FISHERY ISSUE, BUT ONE WHICH INVOLVED POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ASPECTS. HE HOPED WE WOULD TAKE ALL ASPECTS INTO CONSIDERATION IN OUR FINAL REPLY. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST HERE WAS THAT CHRISTENSEN DID NOT REPEAT NOT MENTION US BASES IN GREENLAND. THIS WAS NO ACCIDENT SINCE DEPTOFFS HAD PREVIOUSLY POINTED OUT TO CHRISTENSEN THAT ANY LINKING OF SALMON QUOTAS WITH THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF US BASES IN GREENLAND WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION AND WOULD BE FLATLY REJECTED BY US. CHRISTENSEN DID SPEAK IN GENERAL TERMS OF IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN AMERICANS AND GREENLANDERS, EXPLAINING THAT THEY EXPECT AMERICANS TO UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT THEIR INTERESTS, BUT THE WORD "BASE" WAS NOT MENTIONED.

2. CHRISTENSEN INDICATED SOME GIVE IN DANISH REQUEST FOR INCREASE FROM 1100 TO 1800 TONS BY ASKING FOR A RESPONSE THAT DID NOT TOTALLY RULE OUT ANY CHANGE IN STATUS QUO. DEPTOFFS AGREED TO CONSIDER ALL ASPECTS OF PROBLEM, AND AT HIGH LEVEL, BEFORE PRESENTING REPLY TO DANES. KISSINGER

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